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PROGRAM NAME	Gifted & Talented Education	
GRADES SERVED	3-12	
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DESCRIPTION	<p>The Bristol School system employs one gifted coordinator who develops programs to maximize each student's potential academically, emotionally and socially, through an enriched and accelerated environment. Each school has a teacher who has been given a stipend for the role of "gifted coach." These teachers work closely with the coordinator to provide consistency in services for each identified student in the district. The coordinator travels to all 16 schools and works with the "gifted coach" and the classroom teachers to keep abreast of the students' progress. During this time, teachers continue to learn how to enrich and extend the learning content through curriculum compacting. The gifted consultant also models classroom lessons to help all students in a class develop better critical, creative, research, organizational and problem-solving skills necessary for the 21st century. Through this service all teachers are gaining an excellent understanding of integrating curriculum to meet the needs of all students. Throughout the year several in-service programs are held to assist all teachers in developing the skills necessary to individualize curriculum for the identified gifted students.</p> <p><i>Continued on page 2 of 2</i></p>	

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Several of our schools have joined the international Odyssey of the Mind program. This program challenges the student to problem solve and produce a creative vignette for regional, state and international competitions. Throughout the year city-wide programs and field trips are held for the identified students. Advanced Placement courses are offered at the high school level.

A student is identified as gifted by using an identification process that includes student IQ, teacher assessment, a gifted screening test and parent input. Tests that measure aptitude in a specific area are used to identify our talented students. Auditions and portfolios are also required. Talented students participate in drama, music and art in citywide, state and national activities, as well as in curriculum activities that are building based.